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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 24, 1997, the required issue fee was mailed on October 23, 1997. As of mid-May, 1998, the case was still with the examining group, and no date had been assigned for patent issue. Telephone conferences with both Examiner Rowan (previous Examiner) and Examiner Lavinder (current Examiner) resulted in advice to Applicant's Attorney that the matter was proceeding to issue as of May 1998 and that a patent should issue in approximately three to six months.

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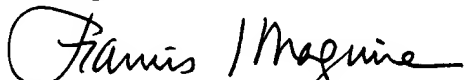
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It is now more than one year after payment of the issue fee, and Applicant has not yet received an Issue Notification, much less an issued patent. Applicant is understandably concerned about the delay in issuing a patent and seeks to know the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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